

Public Arts Board * September 13, 2021 * 4:00 pm, City Hall Building – Multipurpose Room

In Attendance: Liz Barfield, Taylor Wagner, Ron Collett, Dennis Bringham, Douglas Elder (via phone), James Briggs and Jason Olsen

1) Call to Order

Barfield called the meeting to order at 4:06.

2) Welcome

Guests: Dennis Bringham (NAC)

3) Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve August meeting minutes (with noted change under **Item 1** from “Lockstone” to “Barfield”) was provided by Collett; seconded by Elder. All in favor; approved unanimously.

4-5) Finances

The finance report as of September 3rd reflected the following:

- Current balance of \$72,080.22 (Art in Public Places)
- Available funds of \$72,595.22 (includes utility and other donations from August which totaled \$515.00)
- Committed funds of \$31,400.00 (\$4,000 for ongoing maintenance; \$8,750 for Firefly project; \$500 for SAMO ducky expenses and \$18,600 for bike racks)
- Recent expenses: N/A
- Net available funds total \$41,195.22

6) Firefly Project Update

Elder reported that he—along with Barfield and Wagner and the artist, Nathan Pratt—met with OG&E to further collaborate on the educational component of the piece which will likely feature a coloring book and/or coloring sheet with applicable STEAM information for children.

Briggs would like to coordinate the project’s unveiling with the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new football fields at the same location (Ruby Grant). Olsen proposed the evening of Thursday, October 14, as a possibility. He also suggested that a subcommittee be formed to further work on the celebration. This subcommittee will consist of Briggs (Parks/PAB), Olsen (Parks/City), Barfield (PAB), Elder (PAB), Gavaghan (NAC), Williams (NAC), Wagner (VisitNorman) and Stephanie (OGE).

Social Butterfly will sponsor and provide the catering.

In the meantime, Barfield will check on the status of the logo/graphic for the project so that it can be included in marketing collateral.

Lastly, per Barfield: Pratt expressed that he needs more sponsors; the project will be completed on time and in its totality, but due to unforeseen costs not originally included in the budget, the artist’s profit margin has drastically decreased.

7) Bike Rack Project

Briggs reported that they are working on pouring additional slabs for the new racks which will be installed as soon as possible.

8) Samo Ducks

Elder reported damage to one of the ducks in Reaves Park.

He additionally explained that he has updated the RFP to reflect new deadlines and appropriate/applicable verbiage for the next round of ducks.

Elder also plans to work with Barfield to contact [past] artists regarding VARA.

The board will vote next month to approve to earmark the appropriate funds for this project.

9) Haiku Project

Barfield reported on behalf of Gavaghan that only *half* of the “original” Walker Arts District banners will be taken down in preparation for the upcoming Haiku Project installation. This is an effort to continue to demarcate the area *as* the Walker Arts District.

10) 1% for Public Art (Williams and Gavaghan not present; no updates given at this time)

- a. Young Family Athletic Center –
- b. Andrews Park –
- c. James Garner Extension –
- d. Norman Regional Hospital –

11) New Business

- a. Mayoral Appointee – The PAB continues to seek a replacement for Lockstone.
- b. October Meeting – The PAB determined that they *will* meet (following brief discussion regarding Indigenous People’s Day and work schedules).
- c. Other project ideas – These will be discussed at October’s meeting.

12) Adjourn @ 4:39 p.m.